(b) what is the form under which . each of these drugs is used, along with different forms under which each is being marketed in the coun-try;

(c) what are the names of other diseases for which each of these drugs are mainly used;

(d) what is the form under which each drug is used for each disease; and

(e) what is the percentage of each drug used for National Health Programmes such as STD, blindness, diarrhoea etc. and what percentage is used for other diseases not covered under National Health Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND. FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. These drugs are used for treatment of eye diseases which if untreated may lead to blindness. They are also used for treating infections and inflamation of other systems of the body. Vitamin A is used to prevent and treat diseases due to Vitamin A deficiency and malnutrition. These drugs are used and marketed in the form of lotions, drops, ointments for local application, tablets, Capsules, Syrups and drops for oral use and injectable.

(e) It is difficult to determine the percentage of each drug used either for National Health Programmes or for other diseases.

Setting up of national highway authority

*9. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY.

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Highway Authority to improve the condition of roads in the country;

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be set up; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Requisite steps for formation of the Authority are under finalisation.

Promotion of unani system of medicine

*10. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the promo - tion of Unani system of medicine during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the.outlines of the plan; and

(c) what is the total amount of funds allotted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) For the promotion of Unani System of Medicine during the 7th Five Year Plan, a provision of about . Rs. 800 lakhs has been made. The major activities are as follows: —

(i) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) NewDelhi.

(ii) National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bangalore.

(iii) A. K. Tibbia College, Ali garh .

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare established to